

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NIHEI, Mizuhisa, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2813**

Serial No.: **10/796,146**

Examiner: **David S. BLUM**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 2, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 31, 2006**, extended to **September 30, 2006** by
a 1 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.